



MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Richard Hicks, Interim City Manager

DATE: June 10, 2022

REF: Consideration – Call for a Public Hearing on FY 2022-2023 Budget

BACKGROUND:

Due to a number of outstanding issues, this year's budget process started later than those in the past. Additionally, we are in the midst of a Council shift; however, we have continued meeting with both the sitting Council as well as the newly-elected members to ensure that all parties are receiving any and all information.

Our incoming councilmembers will be sworn in on June 16th, and we expect to have three back-to-back budget meetings on June 21st, 22nd and 23rd with the new board to dive deeper into the budget and finalize any remaining pieces. However, in order to meet our deadline, it will be this current sitting Council that will need to call for the public hearing on the budget if we are to satisfy advertising requirements. Please note that by calling for the hearing we are not locking anything in place; the newly-appointed Council will still be able to adjust anything they wish during their upcoming meetings.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, call for a public hearing to be held on June 27, 2022 in City Council Chambers of the Municipal Administration Building, 306 E. Colonial Avenue directly following the public comment portion of the agenda, for the purpose of receive public input on the proposed fiscal year 2022-2023 City of Elizabeth City budget; and further instruct the City Clerk to advertise the public hearing as required by NCGS §159-12.